

WILLIAM N. MORGAN.

For fifty-eight years the Morgan family have been represented in Poweshiek county. William N. Morgan is the son of John C. and Rebecca D. (Barker) Morgan and was born in Lincoln township, Poweshiek county, on the 23d of August, 1865. His grandfather, John Morgan, was a native of Ohio, from which state he removed to Illinois, where his son John C. was born on the 14th of August, 1842. In 1833 he brought his family to Iowa, driving from Sangamon county, Illinois, to Poweshiek county. On arriving here, the grandfather purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land on what is called the state road, in the improvement and cultivation of which both he and his son engaged. Mrs. Rebecca Morgan, who was a native of Ohio, passed away in April, 1899, but her husband survived until the 2d of July, 1906, his demise occurring at the residence of his son.

The education of William N. Morgan was acquired in the district schools of his native county. After laying aside his school books he engaged in agricultural pursuits, assisting his father until he had attained his majority, at which time he began working for himself. For one year thereafter he hired out by the month as a farm hand, following which he located in Deep River township for two years, and then removed to his present homestead. This is a one hundred and sixty acre tract, formerly the home of his father, and has been in possession of the family for about fifty years. Mr. Morgan raises Berkshire hogs and shorthorn cattle and also engages in general farming. He is meeting with success in his undertakings and is constantly improving his farm.

On the 25th of September, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Morgan and Miss Cora Criswell, a daughter of William and Mary (Bromley) Criswell. Her father is a native of Indiana and her mother of New York. They lived in Illinois for a time and from there removed to Poweshiek county, where they have ever since continued to reside, their present home being in Deep River township. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Morgan: Orrion L., who was born April 14, 1891, and is still at home; Rebecca Duvalty, born November 5, 1897; and William Harold Carman, born December 22, 1899.

Fraternally Mr. Morgan is a member of Golden Rod Lodge, No. 512, A. F. & A. M., of Deep River; Modern Woodmen of America, Deep River Lodge, No. 297; and Modern Brotherhood of America, Deep River Lodge, No. 146. His political support he accords to the candidates of the republican party, his views coinciding with the progressive faction of that body. He takes an interest in civic affairs and is now serving both as a school director and township trustee. Perseverance and earnest endeavor have enabled Mr. Morgan to make a success of his vocation, and he is regarded as one of the successful agriculturists of Lincoln township.

JOHN C. and REBECCA D. (BARKER) Morgan, was b. 1845. His grandfather, John Morgan, was a native of Ohio from which state he moved to Illinois, where his son, John C., was b. in 1842. Came to Iowa in 1833. The grandfather purchased 160 acres of land. Mrs. Rebecca Morgan d. 1899 and he in 1906.
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Funeral Services At Deep River For Fire Victim

William N. Morgan, 35-year-old Deep River resident, died of burns Monday after his clothing caught on fire as he was trying to light his pipe. Morgan's sweater burst into flames and he ran from the house. Once outside he apparently tripped and fell against the side of the frame building, causing it to catch on fire. His son, Harold, with whom he made his home, returned home a short while later and found the elder Morgan dead and a small blaze burning on the house. He quickly extinguished the blaze and called authorities.

Mr. Morgan was born August 23d, 1865, in the same house where he died.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Deep River Methodist church with the Rev. William Morehouse officiating. Interment was in Goldenrod cemetery at Deep River.

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... MAY 4, 1901

Funeral Services For Norm Morgan At Deep River

Funeral services for William Norman "Norm" Morgan, were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Deep River Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. William Morehouse. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Icenbice sang "Home of the Soul" and "Beulah Land."

Interment was in Goldenrod cemetery under direction of the Steffy Funeral Home. Casket bearers were Gerald Rieck, Lewis Schwertfeger, Amos Kilmer, Kenneth Thorpy, Menzo Seaton and Jess Lash.

William was born Aug. 23, 1865, in the home where he died May 1 of accidental causes. Since the death of Mrs. Morgan about 18 years ago he has lived with his son Harold "Pete". Monday Pete went to town for groceries and was gone about an hour. When he returned he found his father on the porch, dead and a small blaze burning on the house. He extinguished the fire and called Sheriff Bill Welsh, who summoned Dr. T. E. Brobyn, Grinnell, county medical officer.

Supposition is that Mr. Morgan, who was seated in his rocker and wearing a sweater when Pete left, attempted to light his pipe, and in some way ignited the sweater. He made his way to the porch and fell on a pair of rubber boots which ignited.

He was the oldest lifelong Republican in Poweshiek county and a Mason for more than 50 years. He was a retired farmer. Surviving are another son, Orrin Morgan, Des Moines, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Cochran, eight grand children and 19 great grandchildren.